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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 4,  
relative to the metropolitan government tourist  
accommodation tax.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County is in the process of finalizing plans  
for the relocation of an NFL football team, including the construction of a stadium; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the county is in the process of constructing an arena in the  
downtown area; and

WHEREAS, this growth necessitates improvements and additions to the infrastructure of  
metropolitan government, which, in turn, requires additional revenues; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-4-102, authorizes metropolitan  
governments to levy a hotel occupancy privilege tax in an amount not to exceed three percent  
and an additional one percent for the construction, financing and operating of a convention  
center; and

WHEREAS, the hotel occupancy privilege tax of most counties and municipalities in  
Tennessee are levied at five percent or a rate not to exceed five percent; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council of Nashville and Davidson County has petitioned  
this General Assembly to enact a statutory change to authorize the Metropolitan Council to  
increase the hotel occupancy privilege tax by a maximum of one percent; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly has always endeavored to honor the wishes of local  
governments on matters of local concern whenever it is feasible to do so; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-4-102(a), is amended by deleting the language “an amount not to exceed three percent (3%) of the consideration charged by the operator, except as provided in subsection (b)”, and by substituting instead the language “an amount not to exceed four percent (4%) of the consideration charged by the operator, except as provided in subsection (b)”.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-4-110(a), is amended by deleting the word “The” at the beginning of the subsection and by substituting instead the language “Except as provided in §7-4-102(d), the”.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-4-102, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d) The proceeds from the additional one percent (1%) tax authorized under this act shall be retained by the metropolitan government and deposited in the general fund.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.